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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PORG, XF  
SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE CONFERENCE MARCH 27: ARAB DETERRENT FORCE  
(ADF) ISSUE

REF: (A) KUWAIT 1399 (NOTAL), (B) BEIRUT 1391 (NOTAL),  
(C) KUWAIT 1025 (NOTAL).

1. IN MARCH 18 CALL ON MFA ARAB AFFAIRS OFFICER IBRAHIM  
AL-MOOSA, POL OFF INQUIRED ABOUT CURRENT KUWAITI THINKING  
ON THE MARCH 27 ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN CAIRO. AL-  
MOOSA REPLIED THAT KUWAIT WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT LESS-THAN-  
MINISTERIAL LEVEL, BUT THAT THE KUWAITI DELEGATION HAD NOT  
YET BEEN SELECTED. (HE ASSUMED HE WOULD BE ON IT.)

2. AL-MOOSA SAID THAT IN HIS ESTIMATION ON LEADING  
AGENDA ITEM WAS THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF FUNDING FOR THE  
ADF. HE REPEATED HIS PRIVATE ESTIMATION (REF C) THAT  
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ADF FUNDING WOULD BE APPROVED FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD,  
BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVES WERE UNACCEPTABLE, AND HE EXPECTED  
THE LEBANESE DELEGATION TO MAKE PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS TO THIS  
EFFECT. WHEN POL OFF INQUIRED HOW ADF RENEWAL COULD BE  
ADEQUATELY TREATED AT THE CAIRO MEETING IN ABSENCE OF  
SYRIA, AL-MOOSA ASSERTED THAT ALL OF THE GOVERNMENTS  
WHICH FUND THE ADF WILL BE AT CAIRO, SO THAT THE

BASIC DECISION ON FUNDING CAN BE MADE EVEN IN SYRIA'S  
ABSENCE.

3. POL OFF REITERATED TO AL-MOOSA THE SERIOUS NEED FOR  
CONTINUED ADF PRESENCE IN LEBANON, ALLUDING TO SOME OF  
THE CONSIDERATIONS DISCUSSED IN REF B (WHICH WE FOUND  
HIGHLY USEFUL BACKGROUND). AL-MOOSA OBSERVED THAT, WITH  
THE CURRENT ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF LEBANESE TERRITORY, IT  
APPEARED MORE DESIRABLE THAN EVER TO HAVE A CREDIBLE  
LEBANESE FORCE, ONE WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP ORDER IN  
SOUTH LEBANON IF AND WHEN ISRAELI OCCUPATION CEASES.  
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